

REMARKS

In the last Action, restriction was required between Species 1 and Species 2. The Examiner stated that the two species are patentably distinct from each other, thereby making restriction proper. Applicant was required to elect one of the two species for further prosecution in this application and to list all claims readable on the elected species.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicant has provisionally elected the species of invention designated as Species 1 and list claims 10, 17, 18 and 27-29 as being readable on the elected species. The non-elected claims have been retained in the application pending possible withdrawal of the restriction requirement or allowance of a generic or sub-generic claim.

In light of the foregoing, early and favorable
action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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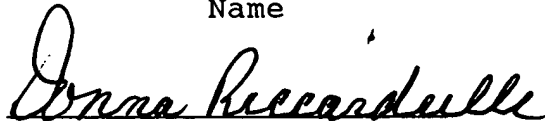
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